

University of Colorado Boulder

**Econ 8535 Environmental Economics I
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Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-10:45am Econ 5

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Grading:

Papers and Presentation	60%
Assignments	20%
Class Participation	20%

Papers and Presentation: You will be required to write four papers (out of the six total units), each roughly 8 pages in length. They should be professional (organized and typo-free) and include a complete list of citations. You should view the paper as a literature analysis on a relatively narrow topic within each unit – that is to say, you should focus on a specific topic that interests you within each unit, rather than review the entire unit. The reading list should be viewed as a “gateway” to the literature, and I expect a majority of citations to be papers that you find on your own. For the presentation, I expect you to be able to lead the class discussion based on your paper for that unit (e.g. prepare slides). The presentation will be counted as “equivalent” to a paper, and I will take your top four scores (out of the four papers plus presentation) in computing your grade.

Assignments: There will be four assignments that will enhance your abilities to develop economic models. As opposed to typical “problem sets,” the assignments will be modeling exercises where the emphasis will be on developing simple economic models of economic phenomena based on environmental and resource topics that I provide. Think economi

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